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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 28, 2003, Applicants elect the species defined by the Examiner identified by the Examiner as Figures 16-30 relating to claims 20-36, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to pursue claims for the remaining inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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